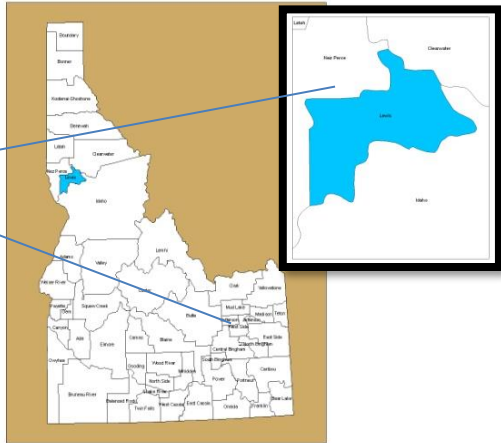


Lewis Soil Conservation District

FY 2020



521 Oak Street, Room 8
Nezperce, ID 83543
PHONE: 208-937-2291x3
Facebook: Lewis District
Web Page:
lewissoilconservationdistrict.weebly.com
Board meetings: First Tuesday of the Month
Email: lewisscd@outlook.com

Top Priorities

1. District Funding
2. Water and Soil Quality
3. Forestry
4. Environmental Information and Education
5. Nutrient Management

Revenue

County	\$ 8,000.00
State	\$ 18,475.00
Special Allocations	\$ 3,633.00
Grant Funding	\$132,597.00
Contributions	\$ 1,830.00

Mission Statement

The Lewis Soil Conservation District (LSCD) is dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

Recent Activities

This year we hosted the 7th Annual Soil Health Workshop in February using the capacity building funds provided from Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Dr. Christine Jones, keynote speaker from Australia, presented the topics "A fresh look at microbes" and "The extraordinary power of diversity." Shawn Nield, a Soil Scientist for the NRCS presented "Investigating the soil web". There were 96 people in attendance, which was the highest on record.



We completed our work on a 319 Clearwater River Face Drainages Ag Implementations Grant. Three producers participated in installing a total of 14 sediment basins and replacing 3 culverts.

We are continuing work on our Idaho Department of Lands, Western States Fire Managers Grant for Fuels Reduction in Western Lewis County. This project provided funds to improve forest health by decreasing stand densities and reducing hazardous fuels. Six producers participated. A total of 343 acres will be treated by the end of this project date. Due to the interest garnered from this project, there are many producers wanting to participate in future projects. We have applied for a Phase II Grant for this project area.

The LSCD and Idaho SWCD have a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) funding opportunity with NRCS implementing soil health practices; 900 acres of residue management, 2111 acres of precision nutrient management, 221 acres of cover crop, 4267 feet of underground outlet, 12 water and sediment control basins within Lewis and Idaho Counties.

INFORMATION and EDUCATION

Thanks to SWCC for the capacity funding, which we are able to use for our events.

IASCD Pollinator Poster Contest

The Lewis Soil Conservation District gave presentations to 5th and 6th grade students at Highland, Nezperce, and Kamiah Elementary schools with the theme “Where would we be without pollinators?”

Weed Poster Contest

The Lewis Soil Conservation District (LSCD) gave a “Noxious Weeds in Lewis County” presentation to 3rd grade students from Highland, Nezperce and Kamiah. This contest addressed noxious weeds in Lewis County. Each student was given a noxious weed to research and design a poster of it.

Hatchery in the Classroom

We worked with the Dworshak Fish Hatchery for the “Hatchery in the Classroom” project with three local schools. Although this project was interrupted by COVID, the teachers provided education and information to their students remotely. The fish were released into Lawyers Creek earlier than planned (April instead of May), after it was deemed safe to do so by the hatchery biologist.

FUTURE PROJECTS

We will continue to encourage and assist landowners with projects to implement BMP’s, have outreach and educational events that focus on protecting the lakes, rivers, forests and soil of Lewis County.

We received first-place ranking for an Idaho Water Resource Board Flood Management Grant. The LSCD is partnering with the Prairie Highway District in an effort to address flood waters overtopping roads and ditches, by resizing and realigning culverts.

We received first-place ranking on a 319 Grant Proposal for our Lawyer Creek Implementations Project. The project was a small portion of a larger effort to decrease pollutants in the Lawyer Creek Watershed. The producer in this project installed an access road and concrete pads for heavy use area protection.

We received second place ranking on a 319 Grant Proposal for Big Canyon Implementations. We will be working with as many as 10 producers focusing on agricultural best management practices.

LSCD will be hosting a Soil Health Workshop in February 2021 for the 8th year. Each year, more and more producers are planning to seed cover crops to help reduce soil erosion. Thanks to SWC, NRCS, IASCD and local businesses for the funding to help sponsor this event.

We will Continue to have an active information and education program. We will continue to work with the local schools and student, the County Weed Department and other agencies to encourage the students to obtain the knowledge of the environment around them.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Met with Lewis County Commissioners to discuss funding
- Set up a display and funded a small animal trophy for the Lewis County Fair
- Organized and hosted a Soil Health Workshop
- Applied for, presented, and ranked on grants from DEQ, IDL, IWRB
- Attended Zoom meetings and teleconferences amid Covid concerns to receive, information, training and achieve current and future project goals

Lewis Soil Conservation District Board of Directors

Eric Hasselstrom	Chairman	208-791-6988
Greg Branson	Vice-Chair	208-791-4418
Tyler Nelson	Sec-Treasure	208-791-5546
Drew Leitch	Member	208-791-7651
Jonathan Rosenau	Member	208-983-8773

Box 277, Winchester, ID 83555
 2560 Branson Road, Nezperce, ID 83543
 705 Cedar, Nezperce, ID 83543
 2135 Thompson Road, Nezperce, ID 83543
 PO Box 194 Nezperce, ID 83543